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## Treasury may let stocks fall 40 per cent before intervening

By AVI TEMKIN and  
JOSEPH MORGENTHAU  
Jerusalem Post Reporters  
Despite yesterday's sharpest  
one-session drop in prices in the  
history of the Tel Aviv Stock Ex-  
change, the Treasury does not  
plan to intervene to stabilize  
share prices until they decline to  
between 60-70 per cent of their  
average level at the beginning of  
January, *The Jerusalem Post* has  
learned.

Other sources have confirmed  
that the Treasury is thinking of let-  
ting share values drop to what it  
considers to be their real value,  
which is somewhere around the  
average price level for December  
1981.

The sources added that since the  
current value of shares is 70 per  
cent higher in real terms than what  
it ought to be the Finance Ministry  
may be prepared to wait until the  
share price level falls as much as 40  
per cent before taking any steps.

Since in real terms the price index  
for shares stood at the beginning of  
January at 170 points (on a Decem-  
ber 1981 = 100 points baseline), a 40  
per cent drop (68 points) is required  
to bring back the index to what the  
Treasury considers its proper level.

The sources added that, since the  
decline in share prices registered  
since Thursday ranges between 20  
and 25 per cent, no immediate ac-  
tion by the Treasury is likely.

Economic observers in Jerusalem  
pointed out yesterday that the  
ministry has been under pressure  
from the commercial banks to begin  
steps to help them support the  
market, but the Treasury has so far  
refused.

Among other possible steps, the  
Treasury could request that the  
Bank of Israel open credit channels  
which could be used to inject li-  
quidity to the banks, which then  
could be used to support share  
prices.

The Bank of Israel said yesterday  
that until now it has received no  
such request from the Treasury or  
from the commercial banks. The  
bank has said that it is following the  
developments in the stock ex-  
change, but it stressed that no  
danger exists to the normal ac-  
tivities of the banks.



A unit of Israel Defence Forces soldiers takes cover yesterday after a Katyusha rocket exploded near the hotel in Haide, where the Israel-Lebanon peace talks are held. The soldiers on the left (with backs to camera) are Lebanese. (UPI telephoto).

## Begin says talks facing difficulties

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Post Knesset Correspondent  
Prime Minister Menachem Begin  
admitted frankly yesterday that the  
negotiations with Lebanon have run  
into difficulties.

## U.S. hints at pressure over Lebanon deadlock

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. — The Reagan  
Administration yesterday openly  
stepped up its public pressure on  
Israel to make more concessions in  
the Lebanese troop withdrawal  
negotiations.

## Rocket hits Haide, soldier injured

HIRSH GOODMAN  
Post Defence Correspondent  
An Israeli soldier was wounded  
near Haide yesterday when a  
107mm Katyusha rocket fell just 400  
metres south of the Lebanon Beach  
Hotel where the Israel-Lebanon  
U.S. negotiations are taking place.

## Halde talks reflect stalemate

By DAVID LANDAU,  
Post Diplomatic Correspondent  
and agencies  
The atmosphere of stalemate that  
permeated the top-level talks with  
U.S. envoy Philip Habib in  
Jerusalem last week made itself  
clearly felt yesterday at the lower-  
level Israel-Lebanon-U.S. negotia-  
tions at Haide, near Beirut.

## Drori charges marines are buffer for terrorists

OC Northern Command Aluf  
Amir Drori yesterday charged in an  
interview with Associated Press that  
the marines in Beirut had become a  
buffer for Palestinian terrorists, and  
said American authorities had  
refused Israeli requests to meet and  
settle the problem.

## Rain to continue

Jerusalem Post Staff  
The rain and cold will continue  
for at least another two days, the  
Meteorological Service said yester-  
day.

## OPEC meet ends in failure

GENEVA (AP). — OPEC oil  
ministers ended an emergency  
meeting yesterday, failing to agree  
on any of the critical issues that  
threaten to force oil prices lower  
and prolong the oil glut that has un-  
dermined the cartel's powers to set  
prices.

## Andropov claims Shcharansky ends strike

PARIS (Reuters). — Imprisoned  
Soviet dissident Anatoly  
Shcharansky has ended his hunger  
strike and is in good health, French  
Communist Party leader Georges  
Marchais said yesterday, citing a  
letter he had received from Soviet  
leader Yuri Andropov.

## Share prices slump on both the New York and London stock exchanges

Share prices slumped on both the  
New York and London stock ex-  
changes yesterday in reaction to the  
news of the OPEC ministers' failure  
to agree on price-cutting and an oil  
production ceiling.

## \$400 million profit now estimated for Med-Dead canal

By CHARLES HOFFMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
The profit estimates of the  
Mediterranean-Dead Sea project  
have slipped again, with the  
release yesterday of figures by  
Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i  
showing a net economic benefit of  
\$400 million for the ambitious  
hydroelectric project. Last month  
Moda'i said that the project was  
only a "break-even" proposition.

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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy with local rain. In the hills regions, limited visibility because of mist. Possibility of flooding in low-lying areas.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	62	3-7	8
Golan	82	3-7	10
Nahariya	68	7-15	16
Safed	87	2-7	8
Haifa Port	71	10	16
Tiberias	71	6-16	17
Nazareth	80	5-12	13
Afula	72	7-16	16
Shomron	90	5-10	11
Tel Aviv	76	8-15	16
B-G Airport	86	7-14	16
Jericho	75	9-18	16
Gaza	88	11-15	15
Beersheba	79	7-13	15
Eilat	42	12-17	18

## SOCIAL &amp; PERSONAL

The 80th birthday of Dr. Alex Bein, prominent Zionist historian and former Director of the Zionist Archives and of the Israeli State Archives, was marked at a gathering of his friends and colleagues at Beit Shalom, Jerusalem, on Sunday.

Dr. David Luchins, special assistant to Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, will speak tonight at 8 at the Israel Centre, 10 Rehov Straus, Jerusalem, on Support for Israel in the U.S. Congress.

## BEGIN SAYS

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It would be impossible to prevent terrorists infiltrating back into Southern Lebanon. The issue had been referred to one of the subcommittees, he said, since Israel did not reach agreement over it with U.S. envoy Philip Habib, either before or after his latest visit to Beirut.

Without American support on the issue of the early warning stations, Begin said, the matter would be much harder to settle.

With regard to the actual withdrawal, the premier said, Israel is proposing a two-stage pullback, while Lebanon wants the entire pullback in one phase.

Habib had said in the talks that he was "almost convinced that Syria is ready to withdraw from Lebanon." However, Begin said that the terrorists' position with regard to withdrawal is "quite unclear."

He said the IDF units around Beirut had received strict orders not to open fire on U.S. Marines. A special liaison office had been set up to settle differences with the U.S. troops, he said.

Israel had to demand that the PLO move out first, he said in reply to one Alignment suggestion, because otherwise it would be impossible to make sure they did not return to Lebanon.

He denied a charge by former chief of staff Mordechai Gur that Defence Minister Ariel Sharon and Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan had "deceived the cabinet" with regard to the conduct of the war. (Gur had said: "Sharon and Eitan bit the hand that fed them!")

Begin told Gur: "You yourself suggested we attack the Syrians on the first day of the fighting. But the government wanted to avoid just that. We fought the Syrians only after they attacked us first."

He admitted, as Eitan had claimed in the committee earlier, that the instruction to the Israel Defence Forces did not mention any 40-45 kilometre line. The government decided to halt the advance at the 45km. line," Begin said.

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## No-confidence motions fail in Knesset

## Poverty is how you measure it

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
 Post Knesset Reporter

Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Ben-Zion Rubin promised yesterday that the government's Large Families Bill would be submitted to the Knesset no later than the first week in March, with the object of having it become law and taking effect by April 1.

Replying to two no-confidence motions, based on "the condition of children of poor families and the extent of poverty," Rubin said that the benefits provided by the bill would greatly improve the situation of large families.

The motions were presented by Rafael Edri (Alignment) and Charlie Biton (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality). They were defeated 60-51.

Edri cited the recently published survey by the National Insurance Institute which shows that over 30,000 persons in Israel — including 70,000 children and 155,000 elderly — live below the poverty line. This, he said, was proof enough of the government's failure to cope with poverty.

The poverty line is a monthly income of IS16,000 for a family of four.

Anyone who supported the government thereby acquiesced in

the steady rise of poverty and was indifferent to the fate of the poor, Edri said.

Biton said that the NII survey paints so bleak a picture it could have been the work of the opposition. He asserted that the Alignment would never have submitted a non-confidence motion on such a subject if it had not learned that the DPFE was planning to submit one.

Biton and a few other members commented adversely on the fact that a deputy minister had been chosen to reply to a no-confidence motion.

Rubin maintained that the concept "below the poverty line" is misleading, since it only took wages into account, but omitted indirect income such as subsidized commodities, housing and education, rehabilitation of depressed neighbourhoods and a variety of social services.

Apart from Israel, only the U.S. and Canada still employ this concept, Rubin said.

In any case, he said, a person whose income is below the poverty line is not hungry, homeless and jobless. The line expresses a level of income in relation to the average wage in the economy.

While the standard of living of the poor had risen in the last few years, that of the middle class had risen

even more, so that the gap has widened, Rubin said.

He blamed the Histadrut wage policy for this situation. Every measure introduced to benefit the poor was neutralized by the rise of the poverty ceiling — as a result of the Histadrut's encouragement of higher salaries for already highly-paid groups, he said.

Rubin also said that the erosion of children's allowances and of the minimum wage has contributed considerably to the "deepening of poverty" among large families. He asserted that the real value of children's allowances had begun to decline in 1975 and was arrested in 1981, but now had lost 21 per cent of their 1975 purchasing power.

Nevertheless, he said, the situation of low-income families as a whole had improved in the last five years in the areas of housing, education, income, and ownership of durable goods.

For example, he said, in 1981 only 1.4 per cent of households lived three or more persons to a room, compared to about 3 per cent in 1977.

Real wages rose by about 38 per cent in the period 1976-81, Rubin said. This had led to "an absolute improvement" in the standard of living, including that of the lowest deciles.

## MKs lose tempers over politicization

By ASHER WALLFISH  
 Post Knesset Correspondent

Coalition executive members lost their cool yesterday in the course of a row between the NRP's Yehuda Ben-Meir and Herut wing chairman Ronnie Milo.

The row began when Micha Reiser (Likud-Herut) asked permission to table a private member's bill specifying which categories of civil servants would be obliged to resign statutorily after a change of government.

Reiser commented at one point in his explanation that "the Foreign Ministry has many ambassadors and consuls abroad, dating back to the Labour regime, who are constitutionally and ideologically incapable of defending this government's policies."

(After his visit to Brazil, Reiser was one of the most acid critics of

ambassador to Brasilia Shaul Ramati, a former associate of the late Moshe Dayan.)

Reiser's jab stung Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir, a member of the coalition executive. He dismissed Reiser's allegations as "totally unfounded" and stressed that all Israel envoys did "excellent work in conditions of hardship and personal risk."

Warning up, Ben-Meir said: "My party objects to proposals like Reiser's, because they spell politicization of the civil service."

Here Milo roared out: "Who is the NRP, to talk about politicization in the civil service? Would you like me to count the skulls in the Interior and Education Ministries?"

Ben-Meir: "What's that about the Education Ministry? Who got the Likud into power if not Ze'evulun Hammer?"

Yigal Cohen (Likud-Herut): "You should rather say that Hammer has the Likud to thank, for granting him the education portfolio which the NRP did not have before."

Ben-Meir: "If the NRP got the portfolio it has it because it educated a second generation of young leaders with more merit than other parties."

At this point the shouting grew so intense that several conflicting versions exist over what was said.

Ben-Meir seized the opportunity to reflect on the row which had developed and when things quieted down again he explained that he only meant that Herut's grounds for complaining about the Labour Party in the 1950s no longer obtained and so the situation with regard to civil servants' resignations after an election should not be altered by law.

## Corfu statement on selling El Al shocks management

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
 Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — El Al's management was shocked yesterday by reports that the government had decided to sell El Al, after it is back in the air again. Management sources said that Transport Minister Haim Corfu's reported statement to that effect to the Knesset Economic Committee yesterday would ruin El Al's marketing plans and shatter travel agents' faith in the airline.

"This will ruin us. No one will want to work with us now," a management source said.

But Transport Ministry spokesman Yehiel Amital yesterday denied that Corfu had said the government intends selling El Al. He said Corfu told the committee that if the airline does not function properly, the temporary receiver will ask the court to put it up for sale.

El Al's works committee was taken by surprise by the reports of Corfu's statement and said its members would meet today to decide on their response. El Al pilots met last night to discuss this new development, but would not say what their reaction is.

"There are customers ready to buy El Al and the government will seriously consider selling the company after a running-in period," Corfu told the Knesset committee. He added that on February 15 the new charter flight regulations, which had been postponed because the airline was grounded, will come into effect.

He also said that the inter-ministerial committee on Sabbath work will determine the authority to be given El Al to transfer Sabbath flights to charter companies and subsidiaries. Meanwhile, at least for the short run, the government will have to bear the cost of grounding El Al on holidays and weekends, he said.

El Al managing director Rafael Hariv said that the severance pay given the 650 tenured El Al workers will total \$25-30 million. The most senior ground workers to be dismissed will be paid at the rate of 230 per cent (2.3 months pay for every year) and the air crews at the rate of 130 per cent.

The four months during which El Al was grounded will be deducted from the workers' vacation time, Hariv added. He also said that the airline's recovery is conditional on the government's paying its past debts and financing the losses — estimated at \$30m. — resulting from not flying on the Sabbath and holidays.

## HALDE TALKS

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Kimche asserted to the Lebanese delegates that their country's troubles had begun in 1969, when Lebanon allowed itself "to be dictated to" by other Arab states and had agreed to the "Cairo Agreement" permitting the PLO to deploy in the South. This was a grievous blow to Lebanese sovereignty, he asserted.

Lebanon today should tell those Arab states which are once again pressuring it that this time it will not accept a *diktat*. If Lebanon surrenders to another *diktat*, Kimche said,

its situation will be immeasurably worse than before.

When the Katyusha rocket landed nearby, the negotiators decided unanimously to proceed with the talks as a symbol of their determination to pursue peace in the face of forces seeking to disrupt their efforts.

After the declarative and sharply conflicting statements, the negotiators broke into three subcommittees — on mutual relations, withdrawal and security, and possible guarantees. Here, according to an Israeli spokesman, the atmosphere was "businesslike."

## Navon hits settlement priorities

By ISRAEL AMRANI  
 Jerusalem Post Reporter

President Yitzhak Navon yesterday said that he will do what he can to help change the "legitimate" government policy that discriminates against development of the Galilee and the Negev in favour of settling Judea and Samaria.

The president said this during a two-hour meeting in Beit Hanassi with about 30 mayors and heads of local councils who make up the Galilee Council.

Members of the delegation came to voice their opposition to the government's settlement policy, which, they said, took money away from their localities, and deprived them of adequate infrastructure. They said this discouraged developers and kept the population of the Galilee from growing. They remarked that they had complained

also during the Labour government, when Yamit was being built, but nobody listened to them then.

Navon replied that he understood that when resources are limited as they are now, development of one region must come at the expense of another. He said that although settling of the administered areas was a legitimate government policy, it neglected development of the Negev and the Galilee, which should have been more important.

What was more important, he told his audience, was development of the infrastructure in the Galilee and the Negev to make it possible for those wishing to settle there to do so. He told the audience he believed that if a large group of *olim* or residents from central urban areas wished to make the Galilee their home they would be discouraged by the lack of adequate schools.

## RAIN TO CONTINUE

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crops, but have been excellent for the country's water economy.

The duty weatherman predicted rain for today and tomorrow but said there will be a slight rise in temperatures and that the rains would be more scattered.

Meteorologist Uri Batz told *The Jerusalem Post* that this year is likely to be one of the coldest, wettest on record.

He said that the two wettest years during the past 30 years, 1951 and 1968, were not as cold as this year. The coldest year during the past 30 was 1953, but it was not exceptionally wet.

He said that the lowest average temperature in winter in Jerusalem during the last 30 years was six degrees centigrade but this January the average low has been two degrees centigrade.

Mordechai Yacovovitch, spokesman for Mekorot, said that the rains are good for Israel's water economy and that Lake Kinneret's water level has risen by 40 centimetres which is equivalent to about 64 million cubic metres of water, and that water is still flowing into the lake.

Most of the water reservoirs in

## U.S. HINTS

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King's regret, predictable unless Israel moves out of Lebanon, would mean collapse of the administration's most imaginative foreign policy effort. That is why the president is ready to buck the political forces and sign the arms embargo: prepared for him? — Special U.S. envoy Philip Habib was due back in Washington this week — as previously planned — to participate in Reagan's meeting on Thursday with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

The State Department spokesman also appeared to confirm a report in yesterday's *Washington Post* which said that a U.S. Marine corps rifleman in Lebanon "had an Israeli soldier in his sights and had to be ordered not to fire, in the closest call yet in the recent series of U.S.-Israeli military confrontations in Lebanon."

But Hughes suggested that the incident occurred on January 17, rather than last Friday, as reported in the newspaper. The U.S. has repeatedly urged Israel to avoid any contact with the U.S. soldiers in Lebanon.

Evans and Novak quoted one U.S. official as charging Israel with deliberately trying to provoke the U.S. with the contacts. "We think that was no accident," the unnamed official reportedly said. "It looked like a deliberate pattern of conduct to test American will and determination."

The State Department also warned Israel yesterday against interfering in the work of foreign correspondents in Lebanon. Hughes confirmed one such incident involving American journalists and Israeli soldiers on Sunday.

"Without going into the details of that incident," he said, "we note that our position on freedom of the press is clear. Any actions taken to interfere with legitimate news coverage would meet with our disapproval."

Hughes refused any comment on recent statements by Defence Minister Ariel Sharon that Israel would try to reach an agreement without the help of the U.S. if Washington continued to hamper the negotiations.

Regarding the stationing of U.S. and other multinational peacekeeping soldiers to replace Israeli forces monitoring early warning stations in Southern Lebanon, Hughes simply said the U.S. had not "initiated or raised" that proposal.

## Road mishaps, deaths drop last year

Jerusalem Post Staff

Despite the increase in the number of vehicles on the roads during 1982, the number of traffic accidents and the number of fatalities decreased significantly compared with 1981, according to figures released by police yesterday.

But despite the decrease in the number of accidents, 12,736 in 1982 compared with 13,193 in 1981 a more modest decrease in the number of injuries was recorded, with 18,461 casualties this year compared with 18,592 a year earlier. Fatalities totalled 386 in 1982 compared with 440 in 1981.

The major cause of accidents in 1982 was speeding, with 21.2 per cent of all accidents attributed to it. The second most common cause was error by pedestrians, responsible for 14.9 per cent of accidents.

The overall trend shows a dramatic decrease in the number of fatalities over the decade, with deaths this year totalling less than half (386) those in 1974 (724).

Meanwhile, Haifa mayor Arye Gurel said yesterday that the government's expenditure on road safety does not amount even to 10 per cent of the money lost to the economy as a result of accidents.

Gurel, a former director-general of the Labour Ministry, was one of four mayors honoured in Jerusalem by Transport Minister Haim Corfu for their part in reducing the number of traffic accidents in their cities. The other three were Eli Dayan of Ashkelon, Tawfik Zayyad of Nazareth and Yosef Vanouni of Kiryat Malachi.

## MED-DEAD

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of intensive discussions of the conclusions of the feasibility studies with a view towards their impending publication.

It was also decided recently that the profit to be made by the project would also include indirect benefits such as provision of water for cooling inland power plants to be built in the Negev during the next decade. Previously the calculations included only direct energy yields.

Moda'i said last weekend that the detailed planning on the hydroelectric plant would be delayed for several years until the situation in the world oil markets clears up, while work on the canal and tunnel would begin immediately. Ministry sources stressed yesterday that work on the two parts of the project would be timed to be completed together.

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and extends sincere condolences to the bereaved family.

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there will be a graveside memorial service on Wednesday,

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We shall meet at the gate.

Our thanks to those who offered condolences.

The Family



## JERUSALEM POST POLL

## 52% of public say they're unhappy with the government

By MARK SEGAL, Post Political Correspondent  
TEL AVIV. — There has been a marked decline in public esteem for the government's general performance over the past six months. The sense of general disquiet could be linked to a fall in evaluation of living standards.

This emerged from the latest Jerusalem Post public opinion poll conducted by the Modi'in Ezrachi research institute at the end of December and in the first week of January. The poll was carried out among a representative sample of 1,929 adults. Institute director Sara Shemer, in comparing the feelings elicited with the more moderate decline in voting support for the Likud and its allies over the same period, emphasized the time-lag between the two trends.

Responses to another question in the poll indicated that 2/5th of the public were willing to suffer a large cut in living standards in order to reduce dependence on American aid. A further third were amenable to a moderate cut, with one-fifth totally unwilling to consider such a prospect.

Q. What is your opinion of the way the government is handling the country's problems?

	Jan. '83	Oct. '82	Sept. '82	Aug. '82
Very good	10.6	9.9	18.2	21.4
Good	33.8	35.8	38.4	44.6
[Total good]	44.4	45.7	56.6	66.0
Bad	31.3	32.2	28.7	21.6
Very bad	20.7	17.0	11.5	9.6
[Total bad]	52.0	49.2	40.2	31.2
Unchanged	3.6	5.1	3.2	2.8

Shemer compared the decline in public esteem of the government's performance over the period (from 66 per cent to 44 per cent) with lesser slump in the Likud's support (from 66 mandates to 57 seats, as reported in The Post on January 14). She put down the difference to a time-lag between what she called the cognitive evaluation factor to its behavioural expression, i.e., electoral support or non-support.

Q. How does your present living standard compare to last year's?

	Jan. '83	May '82
Steep rise	6.6	9.4
Slight rise	21.2	26.3
[Total rise]	27.8	35.7
Unchanged	51.6	44.8
Slight drop	12.5	11.4
Steep drop	5.4	6.3
[Total drop]	17.9	17.7
Unchanged	2.7	1.8

Shemer noted that the majority of the public held that its living standards have remained unchanged during the past year. However the percentage of those speaking of having improved their lot has declined since the last poll was taken nine months ago.

Q. Are you ready for cuts in living standards so as to reduce our dependency on American aid?

	All respondents	Pro-Likud	Pro-Labour
Ready for big cuts	40.8	35.1	42.9
Ready for small cuts	33.3	35.0	31.3
Not ready for any cuts	21.7	27.2	21.2
Unchanged	4.2	2.7	4.6

Shemer found that the majority was for cuts in living standards in various degrees to reduce dependency on U.S. aid. Yet a sizeable fifth was not willing to contemplate such a prospect. She highlighted the fact that more Labour supporters were willing to sacrifice their living standards than those of the Likud for this aim. She posed the question whether Labour voters, in replying this way, were more motivated by hostility towards government policy or their capacity to cope with a reduced living standard.

## One into two doesn't go

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A group of non-Jewish volunteers from the West at a Jordan Valley moshav held a one-day strike yesterday against attempts to lodge a single person in the same flat with an engaged couple.

The bid at the beginning of this month to revive a tradition which died out in the kibbutzim over 40 years ago, led to yesterday's token strike at the Betar moshav of Nevi-Hagedud, when an objecting couple was expelled.

The expulsion took place against the ruling of Moshav Movement secretary-general Mordechai Ozilevsky, after the moshav secretariat rejected Ozilevsky's arbitration decision that the couple could not be expelled for refusing to accept a "primus" (as the single-sleeping-with-a-couple was called in the pre-State period).

The reluctant couple, Alison B. of Inverness, and Jack S. of

Hinckley, Leicestershire, said they had been willing to accept an extra sleeper for one night if there were no alternative, but no more. The moshav secretariat argued that a badly-needed group of additional volunteers was due to arrive, but could not be absorbed, if the existing volunteers did not agree to bunch up. Alison and Jack, who met on the moshav, are due to be married in a few weeks, and were due to return to Britain next month in any event. On their expulsion, they decided to fly home today.

The other 23 volunteers at Nevi Hagedud, who backed the reluctant couple's objections to the full voted unanimously for yesterday's one-day token strike to try to forestall recurrences. A spokesman of the 23 said that although accommodation at Nevi Hagedud was uncomfortable, the group was generally satisfied with the exception of the "primus" bid, which had caused quite a trauma, as he put it.

## Curfew imposed to repair Nabulus gates

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Security forces imposed a curfew in the old market (casbah) in Nabulus for several hours yesterday to enable the restoration of gates torn down during a demonstration in the town on Saturday.

The gates were built to prevent gangs of youths from darting out of the warren-like alleys of the casbah to stone IDF patrols.

## President gets new military aide

Emanuel Oluska has been appointed to succeed Aluf-Mishne (res.) Yisrael Yarkoni as military aide to President Yitzhak Navon. He was formerly the president's personal secretary and spokesman. Oluska, a reserve sgan-aluf (lieutenant-colonel), will be promoted to aluf-mishne (colonel), the same rank Yarkoni held. (Itim)

## Court orders work stopped on Shiff's hotel-into-offices

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The municipality yesterday obtained a court order halting construction work on the high-rise building above the Shekem building on Ibn Givrol.

The municipal court had previously issued an interim injunction stopping work on the building, owned by hotelier Haim Shiff because the city charged Shiff with violating his building contract.

According to the contract, Shiff was to pay the city \$400,000 or buy a lot near the building and turn it over to the city, as compensation for building violations. The violations resulted from Shiff's changing the building's designation from an hotel to an office building. The regional

urban planning commission decided that Shiff could change the building's designation, but on condition that he compensate the city.

Now the city claims that since Shiff did not fulfil these terms, his permit to build offices is invalid, and he is only allowed to build a hotel above the Shekem.

Shiff urged the court to reject the city's request to stop construction on the building because, he said, it was made for political reasons. He claimed that Mayor Shlomo Lahat wanted the construction stopped to prove that he upholds the law in north Tel Aviv just as he did in Kfar Shalem in south Tel Aviv.

But municipal court Judge Ze'ev Hammer yesterday accepted the city's claim.

## Shamir to visit 3 European countries

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir is to visit three European countries next month in what ministry officials term a new Israeli initiative to improve relations with that continent.

Shamir will be in Germany from February sixth to ninth, and from there will go on to Belgium and

Luxembourg. While in Brussels he will meet with NATO Secretary-General Josef Luns.

A group of Foreign Ministry officials is to fly to London soon for political talks there with British officials. This is said to signal a thaw in the cool relations between Britain and Israel since the Lebanon war.

## 3 hurt in explosion in Kiryat Malachi

KIRYAT MALACHI (Itim). — Three persons were injured, one seriously, when an explosive blew up inside a lorry here at about 9:15 a.m. yesterday. Police believe it may have been a terrorist operation.

They closed off the area and began searching for clues.

The names of the victims have not yet been released for publication.

## Aged Jerusalem couple found overcome by gas

An elderly couple in a flooded apartment in Jerusalem attempted to commit suicide by gas, a municipal spokesman said yesterday.

He said the couple, from the old Sanhedria quarter, had taken this desperate step because the landlord of their key money flat has for years

allegedly refused to make the repairs necessary to stop the annual recurrence of flooding.

Neighbours reported the smell of gas and reported to police. The municipality moved the couple to a hotel for several days. "We're talking to the landlord about getting the repairs done," the spokesman said.

## Unique ancient battering ram 'authentic'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RISHON LEZION. — The authenticity of the first three-bladed battering ram ever found — a tactical innovation which changed the course of naval warfare some 2,600 years ago — has been established without a doubt, Dr. Elisha Linder, Chairman of the Centre for Maritime Studies of the University of Haifa, said here yesterday. It weighs 450 kilograms and is 2.25 metres long and 83 centimetres wide.

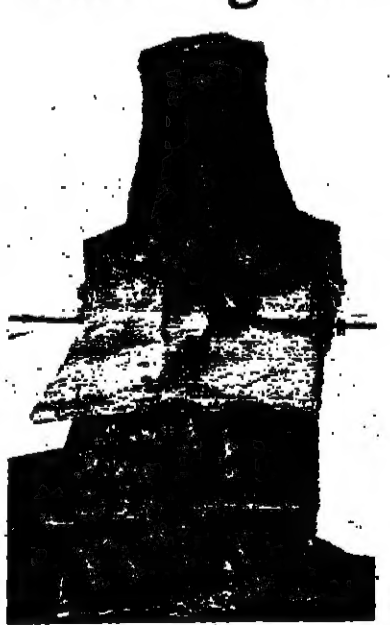
The bronze ram was found off the coast of Afula in fairly shallow water three years ago by the late Yehoshua Ramon, a research student at the university's department of the History of Maritime Civilizations.

Only the tip of the ram was visible, and it was brought ashore only after immense efforts.

In addition, several pieces of wood and one huge pole, which weighed together 150 kilograms were inserted in the ram which is hollow.

Both the bronze and the wood were so well preserved that it was impossible to separate them due to the close fit and the method of holding the ram and wood together.

The "archaeological prize," which caused a world-wide sensation in scientific circles, was therefore



This unique three-bladed battering ram was cast sometime in the 4th century B.C.E.

taken to the Nahal Sorek Nuclear Research Centre near here. It was subjected to intense radiation "to get a peek inside" and metal rods, which held the wood fast to the ram, were discovered. The wood has not yet been separated from the ram.

Carbon-14 dating at the Weiz-

mann Institute of Science in the Rehovot show the ram was made during 4th century B.C.E. The composition of the bronze (90 per cent copper and 10 per cent tin, with a minute quantity of iron and other impurities) was fixed at the Haifa Technion.

According to present knowledge, the ram could have been cast in Afula, or anywhere nearby because "methods of hollow bronze casting of this type were well-known throughout the entire Mediterranean basin 2,400 years ago," Linder said.

Although this is the first three-bladed ram ever found, descriptions of it abound in ancient documents.

But the probability that it was not "Made in Israel" is great, since the centre piece of wood is silver fir which grows only in Turkey, Greece and Italy.

Four symbols in relief on the ram point to Greek origin. They are: a trident composed of three dagger blades and a decorated hilt; a helmet inside a wreath of leaves, surmounted by a seven-pointed star, representing Castor and Pollux, the heavenly twins, or sons of Zeus; an ornate eagle's head; and a caduceus or herald's wand.

This type of ram was used to open a huge hole in the side of an enemy ship.



Uri Shaham (centre) holds his son Eran's hand in the rehabilitation department of Hadassah hospital, Mt. Scopus. With them is Dr. Elena Wolf of the department. Eran's life was saved by the respirator to which he is attached and which was brought from England. (Isaac Harari)

## English respirator saves life of young kibbutz man

A young man whose life was

saved by a special respirator apparatus flown in from abroad is due to go home today.

Eran Shaham, 21, of Nahshonim, a kibbutz near Lod, was brought to Hadassah hospital on Mt. Scopus two months ago suffering from respiratory complications of muscular dystrophy, a disease he has had since he was 12. A plastic pipe was inserted into his lungs through the nose to enable him to breathe.

But Dr. Elena Wolf, of the rehabilitation department at Mt. Scopus, told reporters yesterday that the nasal pipe can cause fever and infection and cannot be used for more than three weeks. She added that surgery was also not

suitable in Eran's case.

The only answer was an air jacket, manufactured in England, which produces negative pressure on the patient's chest, allowing him to breathe. The Ministry of Health donated \$8,000 for the purchase of the machine, which arrived when Eran had been 18 days with the nasal pipe inserted and was in critical condition.

Back in Eran's room in the kibbutz, the respirator is to function with its own generator. Two members of the kibbutz will attend Eran 16 hours daily, to free his parents for other tasks on the settlement. Eran will soon complete preparations for *bogrut* (matriculation exam), and intends to study computer science.

## Galilee man held in murder of two boys

By YOEL DAR  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — A 19-year-old man from Tbilin village in western Galilee was remanded in custody yesterday on suspicion of murdering two boys from nearby Tamra village.

The suspect is Jamal Muhammed Sheikh Ahmad, 19. A spokesman for the Galilee subdistrict police said he was arrested a few hours after the discovery on Sunday of the bodies of Ziyad Abu Hija and

Muhammed Rashid A'yshiya, both 15, in a hut south of Tamra. The police claim the suspect reconstructed the murder after admitting to having carried it out.

Large numbers of police yesterday kept order at the boys' funerals. Police were also guarding the suspect's house to prevent revenge being taken against his family.

Arab dignitaries have set up a sulha committee headed by Sheikh Salih Khnifas, former MK from Shfaram, to arrange a reconciliation of the three families.

## Syrian soldiers wave sex mags, play flutes

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Syrian soldiers in positions opposite IDF troops near the village of Yanta on the eastern front in Lebanon have recently started to display various sex magazines, including *Playboy*, across the 150 metres separating the two armies.

They are said to dance around their outposts holding the magazines up with one hand and playing the flute with the other. Sometimes they shout *Shalom* and sometimes they curse.

Meanwhile, IDF soldiers in the area continue to report seeing the bodies of Syrians dead of frostbite being taken away.

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## Solidarity activists get 'light' jail terms

WARSAW (AP). — A military court sentenced 18 former activists of the outlawed Solidarity labour movement to relatively light prison terms ranging from five months to one year because of continued labour activity, the official Polish news agency Papi reported on Sunday.

The defendants, tried in the southern Polish city of Opole, were convicted of "producing and distributing leaflets containing false information likely to foment social disorder and unrest," after the declaration of martial law in December 1981, Papi said.

A nineteenth defendant was acquitted, it said.

The sentences were lighter than the stiff prison terms of up to 10 years meted out to hundreds of

Solidarity activists last year.

Meanwhile, a military court here yesterday began hearing the government case against 10 people charged with violating martial law decrees by operating the underground "Radio Solidarity," the Polish Communist party newspaper *Tribuna Ludu* reported.

Zbigniew Romaszewski, a Warsaw regional officer in Solidarity, and nine associates are charged with "continuing union activities after the declaration of martial law," which carries a maximum 10-year sentence.

The clandestine station caused a sensation with its first broadcast last Easter, April 12, 1982, an 8½ minute programme heard in central Warsaw four months after Solidarity was suspended.

## Cosmos part drops into Indian Ocean

MOSCOW (AP). — The official Soviet news agency Tass reported yesterday that the main section of the Cosmos 1402 nuclear satellite plunged into the earth's atmosphere and burned up over the "central area of the Indian Ocean" early in the morning.

"The other fragment of the satellite, the fuel core of the power plant's reactor, is forecast to enter the dense layers of the atmosphere on February 3-8, 1983, and to burn up," the agency said.

Meanwhile, in Washington, officials announced that U.S. ships

and planes with radiation detection gear are looking for signs of the Soviet spy satellite. But an alert by the Federal Emergency Management Agency is over, called off 49 minutes after the main body of the out-of-control satellite hurtled into the earth's atmosphere.

Emergency teams ready to fly to the scene of impact were disbanded. Richard Wagner, a top Pentagon nuclear expert, said any radiation from metal fragments surviving the burn-out of the satellite would remain in the immediate area where they landed.

## 30 killed in bus ambush on Ugandan road

KAMPALA (Reuters). — More than 30 people were killed and 14 wounded when armed men, believed to be anti-government terrorists, opened fire on a passenger bus at the weekend, some 42 kilometres north of Kampala, the Ugandan capital, the newspaper *Uganda Post* said yesterday.

The attack took place on a main road leading to the provincial town of Goulou, the newspaper said.

Two weeks ago, another bus was ambushed and seven passengers killed on the same road. In that incident, troops travelling on the bus drove off the attackers, killing several men.

## U.S. briefs Bonn on missile parley

BONN (Reuters). — The chief U.S. negotiator at American-Soviet talks on medium-range nuclear missiles briefed the Bonn government yesterday amid signs of disarray on the issue in West Germany's ruling coalition.

Paul Nitze, who resumes the talks in Geneva on Thursday, briefed Defence Minister Manfred Woerner and disarmament experts on the state of the negotiations and was due to meet Conservative Chancellor Helmut Kohl later yesterday.

NATO's plans to deploy new U.S. medium-range missiles in western Europe later this year have become a central theme in the heated campaign for a West German general election on March 6.

Nitze said on Friday he had been instructed to stick to President Reagan's goal of a "zero option" whereby NATO would cancel its deployment plans only if Moscow scrapped all its SS-20, SS-4 and SS-5 medium-range missiles.

Kohl has firmly endorsed this policy, but his chief right-wing ally, Bavarian Premier Franz Josef Strauss, described the zero option at the weekend as nonsensical and unattainable.

## Sadat nephew jailed

ALEXANDRIA (AP). — The Alexandria traffic court has sentenced Abdel-Hakim Esmat Sadat, nephew of the late President Anwar Sadat, to a one-month prison term for seriously violating traffic rules.

Abdel-Hakim, son of Sadat's half-brother Esmat, was tried for exceeding the speed limit of 90 kilometres an hour and driving without a valid licence on the Alexandria-Cairo road.

Abdel-Hakim along with his father Esmat and nine other children and in-laws are being tried by the Cairo ethics court on charges of corruption and influence peddling during the 11-year rule of Anwar Sadat.

## Bombay pavement dwellers offered hope

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — The Indian Supreme Court has given hope to more than 200,000 people living on the pavements of Bombay who were threatened with eviction.

The court this week banned the demolition of the makeshift shelters of the pavement dwellers until the government drew up a scheme to house them on vacant public land.

The Maharashtra state government decided last year to evict the pavement dwellers, but two of them, in association with a journalist, filed a petition in the high court to block the move.

Pavement dwellers are part of the landscape of Bombay, the throbbing metropolis on India's western coast. They live under tarpaulins

and polythene sheets amid the high-rise apartments and large homes of the city's many affluent residents.

Lawyers submitted a survey to the court which showed that the majority of pavement dwellers were employed and most of the rest were dependants of those with jobs. Many of them had lived on the pavements for five to 20 years.

The average income of a pavement dweller was about a dollar a day, it said. They were usually employed on a daily basis as casual workers or as hawkers.

The state government said it wanted to evict the pavement dwellers because they did not have sanitary facilities and therefore

created a serious health hazard for others.

It also said they indulged in undesirable and unsocial activities such as prostitution, trading in illegal liquor and obstructing traffic.

But lawyers for the pavement dwellers countered these arguments by producing the employment cards of several pavement dwellers showing that they were engaged in respectable jobs. They also said they did not obstruct traffic in any way and were not a public nuisance.

As a result, the court ordered the Maharashtra government to produce a list of vacant plots which could be conveniently used to house people now living on the pavements.

## Malta's Mintoff gets damages from UK newspaper

LONDON (AP). — Don Mintoff, Prime Minister of Malta, accepted undisclosed damages in the London high court yesterday from News Group newspapers over allegations that he planned to bulldoze three cemeteries where thousands of British war dead are buried.

Mintoff had alleged he was libelled in a May 1981 editorial published in the tabloid *Sun* newspaper, owned by News Group newspapers, under the headline "The folly of desperate Don."

The article claimed Mintoff planned to shift the servicemen's remains to a mass grave.

Mintoff's lawyer, told the court that discussions had been going on for some years with the British government to remove the remains, but there had never been a threat to use a "mass grave."

The newspaper group agreed to pay damages which fully reflected the gravity of the libel and also to pay Mintoff's legal costs.

## 32 Red Brigades terrorists get life for Moro slaying

ROME. — A Rome court yesterday sentenced 32 Red Brigades leftist terrorists to life imprisonment for the 1978 kidnap and murder of former Prime Minister Aldo Moro and other crimes.

The sentence was read out by Assize Court President Severino Santapichi at the end of a 10-month mass trial held in a gymnasium converted into a fortress.

The judgment came close to five years after Moro was seized near his home on March 16, 1978. The bullet-riddled body of the Christian Democrat leader was found almost two months later in the boot of a car.

A total of 63 Red Brigades defendants stood trial. Twenty-three of them were accused of kidnapping and murdering Moro, and killing his five bodyguards. The other 40 were charged with 17 murders, 11 attempted murders and four kidnappings.

Four were found innocent for lack of proof. The other 27 were found guilty and sentenced to terms ranging from four months to 30 years.

In general, the sentences were slightly more lenient than the prosecution had requested, especially for the "penitenti" — the repentant terrorists who cooperated with the police. (Reuters, AP)

## Revolutionary songs, urine kept miners alive

PEKING (Reuters). — Two Chinese coal miners trapped below ground for 23 days stayed alive by drinking their own urine and singing revolutionary songs, the *Workers Daily* said yesterday.

The newspaper said rescue teams spent three weeks working around the clock to dig out the two men after a mine shaft collapsed in the

northeastern province of Shandong. When the rescuers reached the men, one was nearly unconscious.

The miners, Li Jiawang, 29, and Guo Jihai, 30, later told reporters they survived by drinking their urine after their water supplies ran out. They sang revolutionary songs and told stories to help keep up morale, they said.

## Young Indonesian girls exported to old men

JAKARTA (AP). — A slave ring run by a travel agency was selling young Indonesian girls to retired men in Singapore and Taiwan because the men could not find wives, the daily *Pelita* newspaper reported yesterday.

The girls were smuggled out of Indonesia to Taiwan and Singapore with the help of a travel agency in

the West Kalimantan capital of Pontianak, the *Pelita* said.

A police spokesman confirmed the report and said they were investigating the case and could not divulge further details.

The newspaper report said the network was uncovered by Indonesian intelligence after catching the ring attempting to fly a group of girls to Taiwan recently.

## Prince Andrew and Koo plan overseas date

LONDON (AP). — Prince Andrew and his actress girlfriend Koo Stark are planning another overseas reunion — this time in Florida, the *Sun* newspaper reported yesterday.

The mass-circulation tabloid said Andrew and Koo "are set for a romantic five days together" when the prince "pays a courtesy call" at Mayport, Florida, next month during a 12-week overseas tour of duty

with his naval squadron on board the aircraft carrier HMS *Invincible*. Koo, 26, and Andrew made headlines across the world last October when they spent an eight-day Caribbean vacation together and it was revealed that Koo had once starred in soft porn films.

The *Sun* said Koo would be visiting her mother "nearby" at the same time the squadron reaches Florida.

## Murder musical a smash hit in Cairo

CAIRO (AFP). — A musical comedy with a melodramatic air about two women who murdered more than 30 women in the 1920s is now a smash hit on the Egyptian stage. Called *Raya and Sakina*, the play was written by Bahgat Quamar.

Egyptian newspapers report that Arabs are flying to Cairo from the Gulf states and London to see the show. Tickets for the best seats in the house are going for a record \$17. But the theatre is packed and

tickets must be booked at least 10 days in advance.

*Raya and Sakina* were two sisters from Upper Egypt whose victims were wealthy women spotted while shopping in one of Alexandria's largest markets. The victims were lured to the sisters' apartment to inspect fine fabrics. There they were strangled and buried in the basement, but only after they were invited to spend an evening dancing, drinking and smoking hashish with "wealthy gentlemen."

AFGHANISTAN. — A Soviet official said yesterday that indirect contacts under way between Afghanistan and Pakistan could lead to a political solution.

ACCORDS. — Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi left Rumania yesterday after signing accords on friendship and scientific cooperation with President Nicolae Ceausescu.

## Sports

### Dolphin radar impedes Jet attack

MIAMI (AP). — The Miami Dolphins blanked the New York Jets 14-0 in a rain-soaked American Football Conference championship game, earning the right to play the Washington Redskins in Super Bowl XVII.

The Super Bowl will be held in the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California, next Sunday Jan. 30 — the latest date the championship has ever been played due to the 57-day strike by football players earlier this season.

In the Dolphins' win on Sunday, linebacker A.J. Duhe intercepted three passes from New York quarterback Richard Todd. One interception set up Woody Bennett's 7-yard scoring run in the third quarter, after the other, Duhe sprinted 35 yards for a fourth-period touchdown. The shutout was just the third in an AFC or American Football League title game. It also was the Jets' third loss to Miami this season.

The victory put Miami into their first title game since they beat Minnesota 24-7 in Super Bowl VIII. The Dolphins and Jets have now once again met in the final — in Super Bowl VII — when Miami won 14-7. The Redskins had made it to Super Bowl XVII by defeating the Dallas Cowboys 31-17 on Saturday.

### Lendl stakes claim as new No. 1

NEW YORK (AP). — Ivan Lendl's merciless 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 win on Sunday night over John McEnroe to capture the \$400,000 Masters tournament took the title-hungry Czech a giant step closer to the world's No. 1 tennis ranking. The Grand Prix finale boosted the young Czech's official earnings for the past year to a record \$2m. McEnroe had to be content with pocketing \$60,000 in his losing bid to re-capture the tournament he last won in 1979.

The victory seemed assured right from the outset as Lendl jumped into a break off McEnroe's opening service game. He has increased his domination over the feisty New Yorker to seven straight in official tournaments. It also marked Lendl's 59th consecutive indoor victory. The last loss on carpet was back in April 1981 to countryman Tomas Smid.

Lendl's triumph capped an awesome three-day performance during which he overpowered Yannick Noah of France and Jimmy Connors, both in straight sets. As before, his service was the key. "I'm tossing the ball higher and I'm serving harder," Lendl said. "I'm also returning his serve better than two or three years ago."

McEnroe later teamed with Peter Fleming to capture the doubles for the fifth straight year, defeating fellow Americans Sherwood Stewart and Ferdi Taygan 7-5, 6-3.

### Swiss soccer team beats Israel squad

By PAUL KOHN  
Post Sports Reporter

EILAT. — Servette of Geneva, top of the Swiss First Division, beat Israel's Olympic soccer team 1-0 through a first half penalty before a 3,000 crowd here yesterday afternoon.

The strong visitors, fielding one Belgian and four Swiss internationals provided a tough test for the Israeli squad which comprised players who did not play for the National team in the World Cup qualifiers. Israel fared well in the first half with David Pizanti outstanding in both defence and attack and goalkeeper Arye Alter making a string of sterling saves.

The winning goal was netted by Lucien Favre after Israel's Sergio Caubel had brought down a Swiss forward. Shabtai Levi missed a grand chance to level things midway through the second half but having rounded the Swiss keeper he shot wildly. Berginier in the Servette goal also made a flying save from a Parcelan shot late in the game to deny Israel the equalizer.

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# Money Matters

From \$1.75 a barrel of oil in 1950 to \$34 in 1981

## The rise and fall (?) of OPEC

LONDON (Reuters). — OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries), now in disarray, was formed 21 years ago to wrest control of the international oil market away from the western oil companies.

Success eluded it from its creation in 1962 until the early 1970s when, helped by the 1973 Arab oil embargo against the U.S., it began to set prices unilaterally and sent them soaring in a tight sellers' market.

The price of Saudi Arabian light crude, around \$17.50 a barrel in 1950, rose only to \$2.59 by January 1973. By January 1974, the price stood at nearly \$12 — which many economists felt was the catalyst for a sharp upward spiral in inflation, leading in turn to higher world unemployment.

But OPEC has never been a true cartel, able to coordinate production to push prices. It simply reacted to the market. As the market slackened later in the 1970s, prices scarcely rose.

Then, after the fall of the Shah of Iran and a slump in Iranian output, the oil companies went on a panic buying spree. In 1979-80 the market was tight enough again for OPEC to deal out a second oil "shock," sending the price up around today's level of \$34.

But in the view of such OPEC heavyweights as Saudi Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the exporters had over-reached themselves.

Energy conservation measures, triggered by the earlier price rises, and worldwide switch to coal, nuclear fuel, gas and non-OPEC oil, were eroding OPEC sales. And the 1979-80 price rises also helped tilt Western economies into the current recession, slashing oil demand.

Buyers deserted OPEC in droves for the lower prices offered by non-members, such as Britain and Mexico.

OPEC output plunged early last year as low as 16 million barrels daily, a level not seen since the 1960s and only half the 32 million barrels

it pumped at the height of the market in 1979.

Non-members' output has recently exceeded OPEC's. Meanwhile, OPEC remained merely a loose-knit price-fixing ring, split by ideological differences such as those between revolutionary Iran and Saudi Arabia, rather than a true cartel.

It repeatedly failed to clinch a price-and-production agreement to share out its dwindled market in defence of its artificially-high prices.

The following table shows how the price of OPEC's "benchmark" Saudi Arabian light crude has moved according to OPEC and oil industry statistics.

	Dollars a barrel
Nov. 1950	1.75
Jan. 1973	2.59
Jan. 1974	11.65
Jul. 1977	13.66
Jun. 1979	19.35
Jan. 1980	28.00
Jan. 1981	32.00
Oct. 1981	34.00

## Headlight factory at Ma'ale Adumim

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Mishor Adumim — the industrial sector of the West Bank settlement of Ma'ale Adumim — gets a new factory tomorrow: Technolights.

Established by Italian and Israeli investors, the company will manufacture automobile headlights, emergency warning triangles and other car accessories. Most of the output will go for export to Europe and Africa and production is geared to meet European road safety standards.

Beni Benin, an immigrant from Eritrea and one of the Israeli investors, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the firm estimates its annual sales abroad will be \$3m., and to the local market, \$650,000. Next month, Technolights' items will be handled by the Italian companies Gecar S.P.A. of Milan and Osa S.P.A. of Torino. These firms manufacture original equipment and replacement parts of Piaggio, Fiat and other vehicles.

"We are starting out on a small scale, with only 35 workers," Benin said. "But we expect to have 52 permanent employees on the production floor by May, besides supervisors and managerial staff."

## Private builders complain

By AARON SITNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's private building sector, hit by a slowdown in sales, is complaining about "unfair" competition and discriminatory taxation.

Meeting with MK Shlomo Lorincz, chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, leaders of the Federation of Contractors and Builders charged that public institutional organizations such as the Jewish National Fund, Mekorot Water Development Company and the IDF's construction unit are underbidding private concerns and driving them out of their traditional markets.

A federation official told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday: "These public bodies were not established to compete with us, but to stick to specific public works. Instead, they enter into tenders with our

members, and naturally get the jobs since they do not pay income tax and can therefore offer much lower prices."

Lorincz' committee has been dealing with the so-called "taxation under conditions of inflation" legislation. The private builders charge the proposed changes in the laws will hurt them. As an example, they point to one change: removal of interest they pay on expensive earthmoving machinery from the list of tax-deductible items.

Avraham Rubinstein, chairman of the federation's taxation committee, said: "The new stricter tax laws will boomerang. Instead of raising more tax revenue from the building trade, the government will end up with the same amount. That will occur because many private builders will cease operations and stop paying taxes."

## Housing fair on West Bank settlements

By AARON SITNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Increased Jewish settlement in the West Bank will be pushed at a combination housing fair and "Exhibition of Progress in Judea and Samaria" to be held here in March.

The event is being organized by the Ministry of Housing and Construction in conjunction with the Israel Building Centre. The centre is a professional organization of private builders.

A Building Centre spokesman said visitors to the fair will be given a "settlement map" that will show built-up areas as well as residential sites planned for the future. Development plans and occupancy timetables for the non-built-up areas will also be available for consultation by prospective settlers in the West Bank.

Builders participating in the housing fair will have their own pavilions, and visitors will be able to compare prices as well as layouts of flats and villas offered.

People will be able to enter into purchase contracts on the spot.

The week-long fair will be held at the Building Centre's headquarters in Ramat Aviv.

## Zim workers in Eilat protest loss of bonus

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The 39 Zim workers at the company's Eilat branch have declared a labour dispute over the stoppage of the "desert" bonus payments they had received for the past eight years.

The employees, who have the backing of the Eilat labour council, say the cancellation of the bonuses was made without prior consultation, even though it was approved by their own works committee.

The company stopped the payments after it was discovered that

the workers were already receiving the bonus in their regular pay. The additions were started in 1974, and at that time were insignificant. But with inflation they have amounted to as much as IS10,000 a month each, creating a large differential for the Eilat workers.

LOAN. — The Belgian government yesterday granted a new 25 million franc (\$520,000) loan to Lebanon, Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans reported.

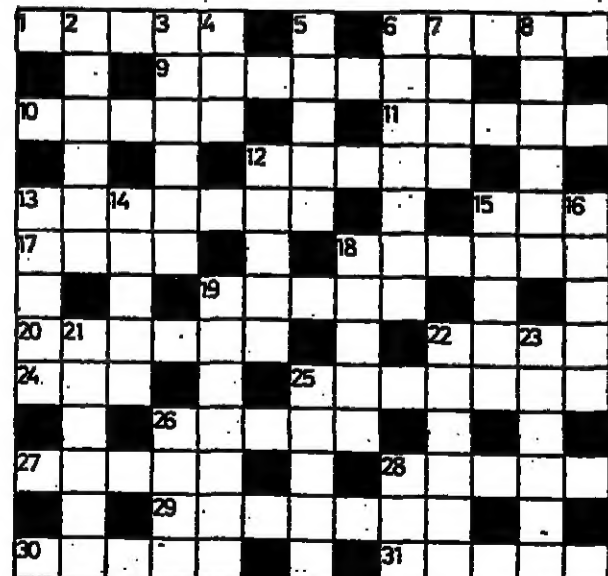
## TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Beast involved in rough play (5)
- Room for nothing but an instrument (5)
- Shout like a judge at court? (4, 3)
- Cash drain, possibly (5)
- Robin shaped? (5)
- Resting-place of many a Russian (5)
- Group of leavers, maybe (7)
- He's just a novice to me (3)
- A bit of a riddle, but not very interesting (4)
- Figure the reason out for part of a sentence (6)
- A name for endlessly scattering litter (5)
- Inferred in a deuced complicated way (6)
- Career file, possibly? (4)
- Boy from Brideswell (3)
- Handcuff MacLean somehow (7)
- Capital place for a storm! (6)
- Carved stone that was received for nothing (5)
- Animals that go on two feet (5)
- Sprain I treated with pain-killer (7)
- It's hard from the onset (5)
- Might one give Dr. Who a peppering? (5)

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.



EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Collision (5)
- Encounters (5)
- Card-game (7)
- Fulcrum (5)
- Skillful (5)
- Smiles broadly (5)
- Speculation (7)
- Beer (3)
- Poems (4)
- Fisherman (6)
- Copying (5)
- Bear (6)
- Burden (4)
- Special Air Service (7)
- Full-up (7)
- Carouse (5)
- Climbing aid (5)
- Applaud (5)
- Tropical disease (7)
- Flax (5)
- Wrong (5)
- DOWN
- Complained bitterly (6)
- Gushes (6)
- Very warm (3)
- Gaze fixedly (5)
- Lamenting (7)
- Fimishes (4)
- Indulge in drink (6)
- Colic (5)
- Ballots (5)
- Requires (5)
- By oneself (5)
- Rub out (5)
- Divine messenger (5)
- Weapons store (7)
- Indecent person (6)
- Lancashire town (6)
- Pronounces (6)
- Give back (5)
- Italian capital (8)
- Central Intelligence Agency (3)

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution  
ACROSS. — 4. Celler. 7. Wax Vests. 8. N-arrows. 10. St-o-s. 13. Bond. 14. Hamm. 15. Poet's Corner. 16. Dew. 17. Pest. 19. R-son. 21. S-tart-ling. 23. Joy's. 24. La-MA. 26. Dan. 27. The-M. 29. Prop. 32. S-E-AS. 33. Stage. 34. Spears. 35. Teamwork. 36. Pretty.  
DOWN. — 1. S-wish. 2. A-XI-OM. 3. Keys. 4. Casse. 5. Lord. 6. Avocat. 9. An-trim. 11. Law. 12. Empty. 13. Bottles. 15. Par. 16. Dog. 18. E-aster (eggs). 20. Inapt. 21. S-O-N. 22. LaM (rev). 23. Jasper. 25. Log (cabin). 28. H-at-y. 30. Ray-on. 31. Peck's. 32. SALT. 33. Some.

Yesterday's Easy Solution  
ACROSS. — 4. Fumble. 7. Conspire. 8. Wrings. 10. Nozze. 13. Weed. 14. Tree. 15. Term. 16. For. 17. Loud. 19. Amen. 21. Blundered. 23. Lust. 24. Iks. 26. Wig. 27. Iona. 29. Sloe. 32. Smug. 33. Tying. 34. Shrugs. 35. Triangle. 36. Enjoys.  
DOWN. — 1. Scent. 2. Snare. 3. Apse. 4. Fewer. 5. Maid. 6. Legion. 9. Remark. 11. Ore. 12. Sells. 13. Wedding. 15. Tun. 16. Fed. 18. Outing. 20. Messy. 21. Bug. 22. Era. 23. Lichen. 25. Son. 28. Ousts. 30. Lingo. 31. Egret. 32. Sumo. 33. Teak.



## WHAT'S ON

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Visiting Hours: Main Museum 4-10. At 4: Children's operetta, "Moteh". 6 and 8:30. Film, "An Unmarried Woman". 7:15: "Jewellery and Amulets" by Sulamit Eisenstadt. 8:30: Guided Lecture, "Uses of Clay in Eretz Yisrael in Antiquity" by Talay Ornan, Asst. Curator.

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## Black Monday on stock exchange

TEL AVIV. — The majority of the investing public was in a state of shock after yesterday's sharpest-ever one-session fall in equity prices. More than 60 per cent of all securities absorbed losses of five per cent or more. Many of the shares which were listed on Sunday as "sellers only" for the second consecutive session, fell by tens of percentage points. Losses of 30 to 60 per cent of Sunday's value were reflected in the prices of nine securities.

Many of these shares are generally associated with the Eiger-Fishman group. The shares of FIBI, the holding company which controls the shares of the First International Bank, were registered as "sellers only" for the second consecutive session. The Eiger-Fishman group is assumed to have a major stake in the FIBI shares.

The big three banks showed plenty of muscle yesterday, as their prices rose by almost one per cent.

### Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

United Mizrahi was hard pressed, but its shares traded unchanged in spite of an offer of sale of nearly \$250 million. Union Bank shares were down by 8.5%, in response to heavy selling pressures. The Union Bank shares had a major rise, prior to yesterday's session, and since the beginning of January the Maritime Bank, with watch-like accuracy, added 100 points every day. The shares of the Finance and Trade Bank were less fortunate. The 1.0 shekel shares were down by more than 12% while the 5.0 shekel shares fell by 33.5%.

Stock exchange circles were hopeful that the selling wave may finally be running out of steam and that a calmer atmosphere will

prevail when trading resumes today. Others were less optimistic and suggested that the current price "shakeout" still has several sessions to run before it peters out.

While many long-term investors were prepared to assume a wait-and-see attitude, others were angry at the Treasury, which they held directly responsible for the current state of affairs.

In contrast to Sunday's statistics, which showed more than several shares rising by 5% or more, there were no such "winners" yesterday.

One observer pointed to the 304 securities which fell by 5% or more and suggested that drops of such magnitude are eloquent reminders of the badly needed overhaul of trading practices and regulations.

**Most active stocks**  
Mizrahi b 843 29,520.6 n.c.  
Mizrahi b 843 6,436.1 n.c.  
Leumi 184 6,103.2 +12  
Shares traded: 152,395.7m.  
Convertible: 15,126.2m.  
Bonds: 15,126.2m.

### Advisable to put a price limit when selling from 'sellers only' list

Post Finance Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — On Sunday the management of the stock exchange warned investors that shares which had been "sellers only" for two consecutive sessions would on Monday be traded without any price limitation. The management suggested that anyone wishing to sell these securities should attach a price limit

to his order, below which he was not willing to sell.

Apparently the warning was not heeded by a vast number of individuals who tried to sell these securities. For the convenience of our readers we reprint the list of "sellers only" stocks that appeared on this page yesterday and have added the price changes.

List of 40 securities:

change in %	change in %
IDB 'B'	-13.5
Discount 'B'	-9.7
Mimim 1.0	-12.1
Mimim 5.0	-33.5
Mervav	-51.0
Shilonit	-16.3
Clal Leasing 0.5	-40.2
ICP	-55.2
Arze	-19.4
Hamisamar-Harel 5.0	-3.9
Yardenia 0.1	-49
Zion Holding 1.0	-9.7
Teta 5.0	-17.8
Cold Bonded 1.0	-52.7
Cold Bonded 5.0	-43.7
Danot 5.0	-9.9
Ispro	-59.8
Lumir 1.0	-23.6
Levinstein 5.0	-44
Arledan 0.1	-53.9
Elgar (r)	-47.3
Amisat	-11.8
Israel Corp. 1.0	-21.1
Hapozalim inv. (r)	-57.2
Oz 0.5	-31.3
Baranowitz 1.0	-23.6
ICP Industries	-17
Elo 0.25 (r)	-11.1
Elo 0.25 (r)	-5.5
Pri-Ze 1.0	-21.8
Pri-Ze 5.0	-44.8
Tadit cement opt	-27.9
Yach	-38.2
Petrochemicals	-32.8
Feuchtwanger 1.0	-6.6
Pollak 5.0	-22.4
T.A.T. 1.0	-13.4
Schoeller	-47.5
Casasara 0.1	-31.8
Carmel (r)	-47.3
Hassneh opt 3	-11.8
Fertilizers 0.1	-21.1
Tromasbestos 1.0	-57.2
Dead Sea Works	-31.3
Deafail	-23.6
Elgar (b)	-11.1
Prizon	-5.5

Yesterday the following securities were established as "sellers only" for the second consecutive session. Once again investors are warned that these shares will trade today without any price limit.  
Carmel opt, Elgar opt 3, Tefahot opt, Pri-Ze opt

### Changes in Income Tax Law before Knesset

Post Knesset Reporter  
One hundred and seventy changes in the Income Tax Law (Taxation Under Inflationary Conditions) are made in an Amendment that passed its first reading in the Knesset last night.

The text of the Amendment covers 21 pages in the blue booklet, plus an additional 28 pages of explanatory remarks.

Finance Minister Yoram Aridor noted that the original law, which was passed last August, was designed to neutralize the factor of

inflation in computing business taxes.

Aridor said that already when the original law was going through the legislative process, it was clear that its complexity would require a number of amendments in the light of experience.

He stressed that there was no change in the approach or in the principles of the original law, and that the changes proposed in the draft Amendment were not designed to make the law either stricter or more lenient.

### Opix '83 show of industrial instruments

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — An international exhibition of measuring instruments and of industrial control equipment, Opix '83, opened at the Hilton hotel here yesterday.

Dov Stier, whose company, the Stier Group, organized the exhibition, said that this was the second show of its kind being held here.

The first was held three years ago. Hundreds of instruments and pieces of equipment in this specialized field were on show, most of them from abroad.

Dr. Yosef Atari, the president of the Israeli section of the Instrument Society of America, said that the market here is so limited that it is not worthwhile to develop an industry in this field.

Just the same, there are some subsidiaries here of international firms, which produce part of their instruments here, such as computer software.

Dr. Uri Piper, vice president of the Israeli section, said that Israel's industry buys between \$20m. and \$25m. worth of these instruments every year. He expected 1983 to be a slow year, because many companies plan to cut down on their orders, due to the world recession.

### Dollar soars as sterling slumps

LONDON (Reuters). — The dollar soared on foreign exchanges yesterday, pushing the pound sterling to an all-time low, because of a belief that U.S. interest rates would not be falling in the near future, dealers said.

On the London Exchange, sterling opened at \$1.5535, below Friday's close of \$1.5665 and under the previous record low of \$1.5550 set in October, 1976.

In early trading the British currency fell further, and was quoted at \$1.5470 about half an hour after the opening.

### U.S. personal income in 1982 rises 6.4 per cent

WASHINGTON (AP). — In a year of recession and layoffs, personal income in the U.S. rose 6.4 per cent in 1982, the smallest gain in nearly two decades but still enough to keep slightly ahead of inflation, government figures showed Tuesday.

Discounting for the rise in prices and nudges into higher tax brackets, take-home incomes increased 1.1 per cent, less than half the 2.5 per cent gain of 1981, but still better than the 1 per cent of recession-weakened 1980, according to the

Commerce Department report. Personal income rose 0.6 per cent in December.

For all of 1982, the report said, personal income rose to a total of \$2.57 trillion. The 6.4 per cent gain, only a little more than half the 11.8 per cent of 1981, was the smallest since the 5.1 per cent of 1963.

Layoffs throughout the year brought the national unemployment rate to 10.8 per cent in December, the highest level in 42 years.

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FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES FOR 24.1.83		CHEQUES AND TRANSACTIONS		BANKNOTES	
COUNTRY	CURRENCY	PURCHASE	SALE	PURCHASE	SALE
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	35.1374	35.4906	34.7800	35.8400
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	54.3575	54.5000	53.8000	54.4000
FRANCE	FRANC	14.2158	14.3588	14.0700	14.5000
GERMANY	MARK	5.0110	5.0614	4.7800	5.1100
HOLLAND	GULDEN	12.9790	13.1034	12.8400	13.2000
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	17.3518	17.5264	17.1700	17.7000
SWEDEN	KRONA	4.7082	4.7555	4.5900	4.8000
NORWAY	KRONE	4.8849	4.9340	4.7700	4.9800
DENMARK	KRONE	4.0480	4.0888	3.9900	4.1300
FINLAND	MARK	6.4871	6.5523	6.3300	6.6200
CANADA	DOLLAR	28.6601	28.9483	28.1400	29.2000
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	34.2369	34.5811	32.6600	35.2400
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	32.8694	33.1998	25.8000	34.9300
BEELGIUM	FRANC	7.2944	7.3678		
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING	20.2637	20.4675	20.0500	20.7000
ITALY	LIRE	34.7970	35.0463	23.0500	25.2900
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	Selling	Buying
U.S.	35.4906	35.1374
DM	14.3588	14.2158
Swiss FR	17.5264	17.3518
Swedish FR	54.5000	54.3575
French FR	5.0614	5.0110
Dutch G	13.1034	12.9790
American \$24.10	35.4906	35.1374
Swedish Krona	4.9340	4.8849
Danish Krona	4.0888	4.0480
Norwegian Krona	4.9340	4.8849
Finnish Mark	6.5523	6.4871
Canadian Dollar	28.9483	28.6601
Australian Dollar	34.5811	34.2369
South African Rand	33.1998	32.8694
Belgium Franc	4.0888	4.0480
Italy Lira	35.0463	34.7970
Japan Yen	147.2639	145.7983

GOLD: \$474.477/oz.

INTERBANK SPOT RATES:

	1 month	3 months	6 months
U.S.	1.5582/72	1.5582/72	1.5582/72
DM	2.4735/46	2.4735/46	2.4735/46
Swiss FR	2.0185/10	2.0185/10	2.0185/10
French FR	7.0075/25	7.0075/25	7.0075/25
Italian Lira	1410.50/26	1410.50/26	1410.50/26
Dutch G	2.7100/15	2.7100/15	2.7100/15
Norwegian Krona	8.8975/00	8.8975/00	8.8975/00
Danish Krona	241.20/35	241.20/35	241.20/35
Yen	14.7200	14.7200	14.7200
Swedish Krona	24.7650	24.7650	24.7650

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Price	Volume	Change	% change
IDB p	36500	+1000	+2.2
IDB r	1117	+2.24	+0.2
IDB p r	3681	+29	+0.8
IDB p A	12800	+6	+0.05
IDB p r A	10500	+3	+0.03
Union r	2148	+2808	+130
Union op 4 r	8575	+19	+0.2
Discount A r	3271	+152	+4.7
Discount A r	2794	+694	+25
Discount B	298	+390	+128
Mizrahi b	843	29,520.6	n.c.
Mizrahi b	843	6,436.1	n.c.
Mizrahi op 1	13437	+4	+0.03
Mizrahi op 2	1400	+24	+1.7
Mizrahi op 3	1206	+10	+0.8
Mizrahi op 4	7000	+210	+3.0
Mizrahi op 5	5000	+21	+0.4
Mizrahi op 6	339	+332	+9.8
Mizrahi op 7	820	+792	+96.3
Mizrahi op 8	1000	+100	+10.0
Mizrahi op 9	5100	+9	+0.2
Mizrahi op 10	3605	+3,395	+91.9
Mizrahi op 11	3605	+251	+6.9
Mizrahi op 12	1168	+94	+8.0
Mizrahi op 13	2170	+500	+23.0
Mizrahi op 14	7380	+70	+1.0
Mizrahi op 15	5351		

Price	Volume	Change	% change
General A	8300	172	n.c.
General op 1	16300	1	n.c.
General op 2	7497	22	+0.3
General op 3	2524	3	+0.1
General op 4	1840	24	+1.3
General op 5	1613	+103	+6.4
General op 6	9940	+300	+3.0
General op 7	1280	+784	+61.2
General op 8	1522	+187	+12.3
General op 9	343	+159	+46.3
General op 10	1000	+396	+39.6
General op 11	3000	+1,625	+54.2
General op 12	1291	+67	+5.2
General op 13	1291	+67	+5.2
General op 14	1291	+67	+5.2
General op 15	1291	+67	+5.2

Price	Volume	Change	% change
Adman b	1235	+1	+0.08
GenMortgage b	1435	+1,835	+129
GenMortgage r	1521	+250	+16.3
Carmel r	3078	+0.2	+0.006
Carmel op A	7682	+4.2	+0.5
Carmel op B	1045	+0.1	+0.01
DevMortgage b	950	+19	+2.0
Mishkan b	4196	+1,803	+43.0
Mishkan r	4950	+10	+0.2
Independence	3400	+100	+2.9
Independence op	3110	+5	+0.16
Tefahot p r	4140	+57	+1.4
Tefahot r	4000	+2,512	+62.8
Tefahot op 1	2140	+72	+3.4
Tefahot op 2	2140	+72	+3.4
Tefahot op 3	2140	+72	+3.4
Tefahot op 4	2140	+72	+3.4
Tefahot op 5	2140	+72	+3.4

Price	Volume	Change	% change
Shilonit r	690	+234	+34.0
Shilonit op 1	2376	+1	+0.04
Shilonit op 2	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 3	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 4	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 5	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 6	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 7	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 8	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 9	1021	+1,637	+160

Price	Volume	Change	% change
Shilonit op 10	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 11	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 12	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 13	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 14	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 15	1021	+1,637	+160

Price	Volume	Change	% change
Shilonit op 16	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 17	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 18	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 19	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 20	1021	+1,637	+160

Price	Volume	Change	% change
Shilonit op 21	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 22	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 23	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 24	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 25	1021	+1,637	+160

Price	Volume	Change	% change
Shilonit op 26	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 27	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 28	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 29	1021	+1,637	+160
Shilonit op 30	1021	+1,637	+160

Aryeh sc	1875	1	-60	-3.1	Solei Bon. p. A	6490	649	-30	-3.8
Aryeh 0.1 r	1303	151	-145	-11.0	6490	s.o.l.	342	-5.0	
Aryeh 0.5 r	785	1023	-87	-10.0	Pr Or	800	116	-64	-7.4
Reinsur. 0.1 r	3130	1	n.c.		Pr Or op	980	8	-141	-12.6
Reinsur. 0.5 r	1947	s.o.l	-103	-5.0	Caesarea 0.1	1286	567	-600	-31.8
Reinsur. op	1680	23	-120	-6.7	Caesarea 0.5	260	527	-23	-8.1
Hodas 1.0	830	33	-60	-6.7	Rogovin 1	349	310	-39	-10.1
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## Where even shekels glitter

POVERTY was all the rage in the Knesset yesterday. The outcome of the debate was predictable: two no-confidence motions charging the government with responsibility for the recent growth of poverty in the country were brushed aside. But in the meantime the limelight was turned on a subject which does not, these days, seem to attract excessive attention.

The occasion for the Knesset debate was the publication, a fortnight ago, of a report on poverty by the National Insurance Institute. The report stated that, during the five years between 1977 and 1981, the number of families under the poverty line had grown from slightly under 3 to 6 per cent of the population. In absolute terms that meant that while in 1977 there were 14,000 poor families (64,300 persons), in 1981 the number was 33,900 families (153,200 persons).

It so happened that the five years reviewed in the NII report were mostly years of Likud rule. No wonder, growled the Alignment: the growth in poverty was the direct result of official economic and social policies ostensibly designed to "benefit the people."

Without waiting for the Knesset to take up the subject and render its partisan verdict, the Treasury rushed in to rebut any such conclusion. The poverty line, it was pointed out, is drawn by the NII at 40 per cent of the income level between the highest and the lowest salaries. The statistical concept of poverty is thus entirely relative, and does not imply a floor beneath which human existence is barely possible. Such dire poverty may be encountered in some Third World countries, but not in Israel.

Israel's poverty line is in fact set, for January 1983, at IS16,000 for a couple with two children, which is certainly nothing to crow about, but nothing to panic about either.

Moreover the NII's concept of poverty, adopted in the early 1970s, takes into account only straight income and "transfer payments," such as child allowances. The latter were indeed significantly eroded by inflation in recent years. But the NII must leave out of account a whole array of social services introduced, or expanded, during the past decade, such as housing schemes, community centres, day-care provisions and special school programmes, which were aimed mainly at the poor.

However, social welfare experts now lack any comprehensive set of indicators that would show to what extent these services have actually improved the condition of the poor relative to other groups. Such indicators would put the statistical concept of poverty, which focuses on income, in its proper perspective.

Much of the present debate on poverty is for this reason being conducted in a vacuum. But the Treasury's own conclusion that the picture emerging from the NII's report is essentially untrue to life, is itself unwarranted. Social services to the poor have been reduced in the past 2 or 3 years, for budgetary reasons.

This explains the urgency with which the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, a Tami bastion, is now pushing two pet remedies for the poverty problem — a minimum wage bill and a large families bill.

Whether these two bills would, if passed into law, make a substantial contribution to bettering the lot of the poor, is by no means certain. Thus the hypothetical couple with two children on the poverty line would not benefit at all from higher child allowances to large families. If payment for those higher benefits were to be financed by a reduction in allowances for the first and second child, which is what the Treasury wants, the couple would in fact be the loser. (Half of all families below the poverty line have between one and three children.)

As for the minimum wage, unofficially it is today a bit short of IS10,000. If this level were made mandatory, both husband and wife would still have to work full-time to just lift themselves above the poverty line. In the process they would also pay higher income tax and lose their eligibility for free day-care.

The condition of the poor in Israel, though often most deplorable, is not catastrophic. The poor are still a small minority, and they are not getting poorer. But, judging by such evidence as is available, their number is growing — the 1977-1981 trend was not reversed in 1982. This should offer food for thought, and cause for action.

## Suicidal submissions

By PETER E. GOLDMAN

IT IS time for the American Jewish community and the Israeli public to disabuse themselves of the concept that there is a "special relationship" between the United States and Israel, and that the frequent American-Israeli disputes are merely minor squabbles between friends.

One of the principal aims of American Middle East policy is to force Israel to return to the 1949 Armistice lines. This is the underlying theme of the Reagan Plan and the "talking points" sent to Israel by the U.S. Government. Israel is to be divested of Judea and Samaria, Jerusalem is to become "negotiable." Sinai has already been given up by Israel, and the U.S. is on record as strongly opposing Israel's incorporation of the Golan Heights. In fact American opposition to the Golan move caused the U.S. to abrogate the then newly — formed strategic cooperation agreement.

We therefore have the U.S. forcefully seeking Israeli retreat to the 1949 Armistice lines. These demands are accompanied by endless attacks on Israel, either by action such as holding up delivery of F-15 and F-16 airplanes, in votes of condemnation in the UN Security Council, or by constant verbal abuse from the secretary of defence, the secretary of state and anonymous "senior officials," often quoted in the *New York Times* or the *Washington Post*.

This is not a new direction for U.S. policy. Ever since the Rogers Plan of December 1969, successive American administrations have rejected Israel's title to Judea and Samaria, and have sought to pressure Israel back to the indefensible pre-1967 lines. The current administration, with its close ties to Saudi Arabia, is far more determined to achieve this goal, nor does it fear domestic political reaction. The anti-Israel propaganda job done by the media has neutralized the American public, and the leadership of the Jewish community

finds itself divided and impotent.

Since the survival of Israel is more important to the Israeli Government than is the continued presence of Saudi money in U.S. banks, businesses and Treasury, or the illusory Arab strategic consensus against the USSR, Israel is committed to resist all attempts to reduce the state to its former vulnerable dimensions.

An enemy army (whether Jordanian or PLO) in the hills of Samaria looking down on Israel's population centres presents such a danger to the existence of the state that only a government bent on dissolving the state could agree to such an arrangement. The eastern front of the Arab states can now amass more than 9,000 tanks.

Even should Jordan agree to a peace treaty, such a situation would be totally unacceptable in an area where treaties and promises are rarely kept. One does not place one's security totally in the hands of an enemy, nor in the hands of a nation offering "guarantees" of protection. Historically, such "guarantees" have proven worthless. Furthermore, there is no indication that the Arab aim of destroying Israel in stages has undergone any change. Israel's existence, and not its borders, remains the core of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The Reagan Administration's dedication to returning Israel to the 1949 Armistice lines, and the Israeli Government's commitment to resisting this attempt, which it correctly labels a "blueprint suicide," is not a minor misunderstanding; it is an unbridgeable rift.

AMERICANS must understand that Israel is the major deterrent to Soviet expansion and control in the Middle East, and that it would cost the U.S. taxpayer some \$150 billion a year to project and maintain a force in the Middle East equivalent to the pro-Western Israeli army. The billion dollars the U.S. invests in Israel each year is returned many

times. Unfortunately the Reagan Administration's policies, which seek to reduce and weaken this major strategic asset, are very damaging to the interests and well-being of the U.S. itself.

Israel must understand that no concession short of the ultimate concession — Israel's disappearance — will please the Arabs and thereby the appeasement-prone Western nations. Surrounded by well-armed hostile nations, only strength (military, political, economic, territorial) will assure Israel's survival and possibly lead to a *de facto* peace, which is the most one can hope for in the Middle East.

Israel is currently the major power in the area, but its position is nevertheless precarious. Already strategically and economically weakened by the loss of Sinai, the loss of Judea and Samaria would place Israel in an untenable military and psychological situation. A united Arab world, armed with the latest Soviet and American weapons and backed politically by most of the world's nations, is another potential threat.

The incorporation of Judea and Samaria — now that Egypt and the U.S. have broken the Camp David Accords — while being prepared to prevent an Arab arms buildup, are Israel's minimum security requirements.

The Arabs, who have lost every war with Israel, nevertheless act like victors when the wars are finished. They refuse peace; they make demands; they make the West bend to their will. Using oil, money, terror, explicit demands and conditions from which they never budge, they emerge victorious with the Western powers firmly on their side.

The military victor, Israel, makes the concessions and becomes the supplicant for U.S. largesse. In the minds of the American public Israel becomes another one of those cumbersome and mendicant client states.

## Dry Bones



If Israel wishes to be taken seriously as a geo-political power, command respect, and change the pro-Arab leanings of the Western nations, it must be prepared to exert power. Israel must be prepared to make the Western nations as afraid of the Jewish state as they are of the Arabs, by making the West realize that Israel can play a major role in the ultimate disposition of Middle Eastern oil.

A nation that is not prepared to assert its claim to the part of its homeland where its history evolved, and which does not immediately incorporate the 64 kilometre depth needed for its self-defence, for fear of offending the U.S., will have a hard time surviving in the hostile Middle East or in justifying its cause.

If Israel were to accommodate all American wishes, it would be reduced to unviable dimensions and eventually be destroyed. Israel must, therefore, free itself of its

dependence on the U.S., since American foreign policy is not oriented towards the well-being of the Jewish state.

If Israel acted like the power it is, the U.S. and Europe would be approaching Israel with offers. A recognition of Israel's value is needed in Washington. A recognition of Israel's strength and its just cause is needed in Jerusalem.

Incidentally, as an American, I have been hesitant to publish an article suggesting a course of action for Israel. However, since Israelis from Mattityahu Peled to Shimon Peres fill the American media with attacks on the Israeli Government and suggestions to the American Government, while American "doves" like Alexander Schindler write in the Israeli press, I believe it to be justified and beneficial for the Israeli public to hear a different American perspective.

The writer is director of *Americans For a Safe Israel*.

## Bringing out the best

By ROCHELLE FURSTENBERG

The magic word *realpolitik* is bandied about, and those passing judgment radiate a sense of worldly wisdom. No illusions here about what it takes to be prime minister. Navon is somehow relegated to the category of Adlai Stevenson; and it is forgotten that suspicion of the cultivated Stevenson led to the election of Eisenhower.

What created this vague impression of Navon as not tough enough? Who passed on this view to American and Israeli journalists? There are certainly enough persons in Likud and Labour anxious to undermine Navon. The supporters of Begin and Peres aren't the only detractors; Rabin has emerged as competitor to Navon in the public opinion polls. His people might also be whispering cues from the wings. How quickly people forget

Rabin's uninspiring leadership, and the impression of flabbiness and corruption in the Labour Party which he was unable to dispel. And this impression has certainly been reinforced during Likud's rule. There is no reason to believe that Labour can make a comeback until it has been dispelled.

On the other hand, doubts have developed about the *realpolitik* of Begin and Sharon. The government tries to maintain an even keel in Lebanon but its mistakes, and the price to be paid for them, become more and more evident. The nation begins to grasp Begin's impotence, and it is becoming impatient. Remarks in the street make one wonder if the Age of Begin isn't in decline. The process might be helped if Yitzhak Navon announced he was a candidate for prime minister.

from patriarchal communities feel deprived in their transition to a more Western Israeli society.

Moreover, Navon has begun brilliantly with a campaign to replace the settlement issue with the *alya* issue. He thereby restores the idealistic self-image which the country desperately needs. He provides alternative Zionist goals for a nation resenting Labour because of its fall from idealism.

It will surely be easier for the National Religious Party and Tami, casting a look over their shoulder at their constituencies, to create a coalition with a man like Navon than with other Labour leaders. The arguments that Navon, like Yadin, will disappoint are invidious. Navon is no novice in politics. He was head of the Knesset Committee on Foreign Affairs and Security, and has proven his competence over many years. His conduct as president, which was highlighted by his

recent trip to America, was gracious and diplomatic. In addition, he has more access to the Arab way of thinking than many of our politicians. In our search for a politician we should not overlook the statesman.

Will he be tough enough, will he be able to pull together the disparate parts of the Labour Party? That has still to be seen. But there is no proof that he is not tough enough. Begin entered the premiership as a man conditioned by 29 years of opposition. There was certainly more reason to doubt his ability to lead the nation than there is to doubt Navon's today. If the man has the right qualities, the position helps forge the leader.

The act of joining the fray would itself be a sign of courage. Many people very much doubt whether Begin can be defeated. But perhaps Navon will be able finally to expose the weakness of Begin, which is embodied in the deeds of Sharon. The only question is how long it will be before Likud pays for its sins of commission in the Lebanese War, as Labour paid for its sins of omission in the Yom Kippur War. In any case, we must hope that Navon can lead us back to our better selves.

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UPON PRESIDENT Yitzhak Navon's return from the U.S., reports circulated that he had decided not to seek another term as president of Israel.

Although it will not be officially announced until February, journalists claimed that Navon would retire from public life when his term as president expired in May, and devote himself to writing.

If that is true, it could lead to a national campaign to enlist Navon as Labour candidate for prime minister. For those unhappy with Likud, and unenthusiastic about the present Labour leadership, Navon brings hope of a fresh political climate. People nod thoughtfully at the suggestion of Navon for prime minister, even Labour opponents treat him respectfully.

It is not, as some claim, his position, but rather his person, that elicits the best in us.

No doubt Navon has his critics. Iago-like asides have been heard from American and Israeli observers about his private life, his lack of political muscle. "Not ruthless enough for Israeli politics, not tough enough to be prime minister," they say.

### READERS' LETTERS

#### SEVERE SENTENCE?

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I strongly question the "concern for young girls and the public interest" of a judge, such as Magistrate Court Judge Gershon David, who sentences a man that has molested two six-year old girls to three months in prison and a nine-month suspended sentence (January 11).

If this is what Justice David considers a "severe sentence," I should like to think about what he considers a light sentence due to extenuating circumstances.

ETI MLINARSKI

Tel Aviv.

#### PENFRIENDS

MARY TAM (45), of Cawood Street, Cradock, C.P., 5880, South Africa, visited Israel and would like to have Israeli penfriends. She has two children and is interested in baking, knitting and sewing.

#### NEW STAMPS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I have just read that new stamps are shortly to be issued, glorifying the settlement movement on the West Bank and on the Golan. The day I receive them, I will return them to the Philatelic Service with a note of protest: I am a stamp collector and not a collector of government propaganda stickers.

I suggest that all Israelis, especially stamp collectors, should boycott these stamps. If enough stamps remain unsold, maybe the government will learn that it is impossible to ignore the feelings of a large part of the public and handle state institutions and their emblems as if they were the private property of the Likud.

ADAM KELLER

Tel Aviv.

### POSTSCRIPTS

**PS** The *Times* of London yesterday published "revelations" about Britain's efforts in 1949 to dissuade Arab states from making peace with Israel — repeating details which appeared in *The Jerusalem Post* almost two years ago.

Cables from British legations in Transjordan, Egypt, Syria and Iraq informed the Foreign Office in the summer of 1949 that the Arab governments were interested in reaching a formal or informal peace agreement with the newborn Jewish state.

Sir John Troutbeck, head of the British Middle East Office in Cyprus, responded by warning that an Israeli-Arab peace might end in the creation of a neutral bloc inimical to British interests in the region. The British emissaries apparently subsequently helped persuade the Arab leaders against concluding peace.

A report on the documents — released under the 30-year-rule for British government secret papers — was given by our diplomatic correspondent, David Landau, in February 1981. *The Times* slipped yesterday in accepting the same information by a Columbia University fellow as hot news.

**PS** WE WERE driving along the Lebanese coastal road between Tyre and Sidon the other day and were making note of a number of familiar/unfamiliar advertising signs (Mobil Oil, Dutch Boy Paints, etc.) when we saw one which struck us as extremely odd, especially if one reads it with the appropriate British accent. We've no idea what it is meant to advertise — unless it is someone's capsule comment on the political situation in our neighbouring country to the north. In bright, bold letters, the sign proclaims: "Sodital."

**PS** AN ELECTRON microscope to be built by the University of Chicago will be powerful enough to peer into the spaces between atoms, a university physicist said recently.

Taking three years to build, it will be capable of magnifying objects 150 million times, making it the most powerful in the world, according to physicist Albert Crewe. He said the device should be able to resolve objects as small as one-half an angstrom in size. An angstrom is one tenth of a millionth of a millimetre (four billionths of an inch).

"We should be able to see the positions of atoms and look right between them if we want."

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